

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attention: Examiner Barbara P. Radio  
Group Art Unit: 1616

Applicants: Miguel Angel Fuenzalida DIAZ et al

Title: Pharmaceutical and Food Compositions Containing Wood Alcohols or Wood Sterols Useful for Lowering Serum Cholesterol (as amended)

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE  
TO OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Madame:

This *Amendment* is in response to the *Office Action* indicated as having been mailed on August 8, 2003. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 – 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (New): A method for isolating a mixture of primary aliphatic alcohols from saponifiable matter of tall oil soap, where said method comprises the steps of:  
distilling unsaponifiable matter of tall oil soap to produce a distillate;  
dissolving said distillate in methanol to form a solution;  
cooling down said solution to form a precipitate; and  
recovering said precipitate where said precipitate consists essentially of:  
1-10 wt. % of 1-octadecanol,

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